AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

An apparatus and method provide therapy to a patient having, or who may potentially develop, a neurodegenerative disease characterized by abnormal proteins or prions or related deposits. The apparatus includes an emitter [[means]] to deliver acoustic, ultrasonic or vibratory energy in, into or from within a region of the patient's brain or spine which contains or is transportably-coupled to cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) or blood capable of bearing or bearing a chemical or biological species, reactant, fragment or byproduct of the disease.